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APPLICANT(S): Shuber  
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FILING DATE: 2/28/00 EXAMINER: Sakelaris, S  
TITLE: Methods for Disease Detection

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed on July 10, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made in the Office Action. A petition and appropriate fee for a three month extension of time up to and including January 10, 2003, is also submitted herewith. Applicant believes that no additional fee is due with this Response, but the Director is hereby authorized to charge any required additional fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

**Amendments**

Please amend the application as follows:

**To the Specification**

Please introduce the following paragraph into the specification identified by page and line number to read as follows. A marked up version of the specification amendment is attached at the end of this paper.

**Paragraph for page 1, lines 1-3 (priority claim)**